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SUBJECT: EVENING REPORT FOR JUNE 10

1. AFTER A TOUR OF A VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL (SENA), MRS. CARTER BEGAN THE SUBSTANTIVE PART OF HER DAY WITH AN HOUR LONG MEETING WITH COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSON CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH. MRS. CARTER LED THE DISCUSSION WITH A PRESENTATION OF THE NEW U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, DRAWING ON THE THEMES PRESENTED THROUGHOUT HER TRIP: THE ENHANCEMENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND THE REDUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS. LOPEZ RESPONDED THAT NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME FOR PRESSING ON HUMAN RIGHTS. INFLATION HAS DESTABLIZED A GOOD MANY GOVERNMENTS IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING MANY MILITARY GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THIS REGION. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THEIR HOLD OVER THEIR INCREASINGLY DISGRUNTLED POPULATION, THEY NOW FIND IT NECESSARY TO MAKE PROMISES OF A RETURN CIVILIAN RULE. MUCH OF THIS IS THANKS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LEAD IN HUMAN RIGHTS. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S. SHOULD NOT ASSUME THE ROLE OF MORAL POLICEMAN OF THE WORLD AND RECOMMENDED THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORT. THIS EFFORT MUST BE BROADENED FROM A STRICTLY U.S. EFFORT BECAUSE, WHILE IT HAS CAUSED  
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SOME GOVERNMENTS TO PROMISE A RETURN TO DEMOCRACY, IT HAS ALREADY CAUSED STRONG NEGATIVE REACTIONS WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE. HE FELT THAT SUCH INTERNATIONALIZATION WOULD BLUNT SOME OF THIS OPPOSITION. LOPEZ ALSO ENDORSED THE IDEA OF A U.N. COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A COMMISSIONER BE APPOINTED WITHIN THE OAS.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, LOPEZ CONFIDED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD ASKED HIM TO TRY TO GET BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA TO COMPLETE ACTION ON THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO LATER CONFIDED PRIVATELY THAT THE SOVIET UNION SHARES THE U.S. DESIRE TO HALD THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND THAT COLOMBIA WILL CONSIDER ASKING THE SOVIET UNION TO SIGN THE TREATY.

3. MRS. CARTER STRESSED OUR GREAT CONCERN OVER THE FLOW OF DRUGS FROM COLOMBIA INTO THE U.S. AND THE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE THIS TRAFFICKING HAS HAD ON COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY. ALTHOUGH OOPEZ RECOGNIZED THAT THE DRUG PROBLEM IS A PROBLEM FOR BOTH COUNTRIES, THE TRAFFICKERS IN COLOMBIA WERE 'THE AMERICAN MAFIA' AND IT IS THEY WHO ARE CORRUPTING THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT. LOPEZ STATED THAT HE WAS QUITE WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH THE U.S. TO CHECK THE FLOW OF DRUGS. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT SO FAR THE DESIRE TO COOPERATE APPEARED TO BE ONE-SIDED. FOR THREE YEARS HE HAD SOUGHT AND BEEN GIVEN PROMISES OF U.S. ASSISTANCE BUT TO DATE HAD RECEIVED ONLY FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT.

4. THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT AMERICANS IN COLOMBIAN JAILS, THE STARR KIDNAPPING CASE, THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY, AND THE CABRANES APPOINTMENT.

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5. WHEN ASKED BY MRS. CARTER BEGAN BE REQUESTING PREFERENTIAL TRADE TREATMENT FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. HE LATER CONCEDED THAT IT WAS BETTER NOT TO SEEK REGIONAL PREFERENCES BUT TO WORK ON GLOBAL TRADE POLICY VIA THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. HE ALSO WARNED THE U.S. THAT THERE MAY WELL BE, PROBABLY WITHIN THREE YEARS, GRAVE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL UPHEAVALS IN THE REGION, AND PARTICULARLY IN CENTRAL AMERICA, WHEN COFFEE PRICES DROP. HE FELT THAT SUCH A DRAMATIC DROP IN PRICES WOULD HAVE A GRAVE DESTABLIZATION EFFECT ON CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS AND WOULD GREATLY INCREASE THE APPEAL AND STRENGTH OF LOCAL COMMUNIST AND RADICAL GROUPS. THE U.S. WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT AND HOW MUCH IT IS WILLING TO DO FOR THESE GOVERNMENTS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT SUCH PROBLEMS IN COLOMBIA BECAUSE LOCAL PRICES HAVE NOT BEEN LINKED TO WORLDWIDE PRICES.

6. THERE WAS NO DEPARTURE STATEMENT NOR CEREMONY AS MRS. CARTER LEFT BOGOTA ALTHOUGH MRS. LOPEZ AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER WERE IN ATTENDANCE. THE LOW-KEY ATMOSPHERE OF THE CEREMONY WAS IN KEEPING WITH HER STAY IN BOGOTA AND WITH COLOMBIAN TRADITION AND STYLE.

7. IN CARACAS MRS. CARTER WAS MET BY MRS. PEREZ WHO MADE A GRACIOUS AND WARM WELCOMING STATEMENT TO WHICH MRS. CARTER RESPONDED IN A SIMILAR MANNER INCLUDING MENTION OF SOME ISSUES SHE HOPED TO DISCUSS.

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8. MRS. CARTER'S TALKS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ LASTED WELL OVER AN HOUR. PEREZ BEGAN THE MEETING BY EXPRESSING HIS ADMIRATION FOR ALL OF THE PRESIDENT CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVES. HE FOUND IT "VERY REFRESHING" TO FIND SUCH INITIATIVES COMING FROM THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD. HE WAS IN DISAGREEMENT WITH NO ASPECT OF OUR POLICY AND INTENDED TO COOPERATE FULLY. HE HOPED THE SAME WOULD BE TRUE FOR THE U.S. WITH RESPECT TO OIL.

9. MRS. CARTER REVIEWED THE OUTLINE OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY AND SOUGHT PRESIDENT PEREZ'S ASSISTANCE ON THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. PEREZ STATED THAT HE WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC ON THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WHAT HE VIEWED WAS THE MAJOR OBSTACLE. THE U.S. DESIRE FOR PRIORITY PASSAGE FOR U.S. WARSHIPS

IN WARTIME SEEMED TO HIM TO BE UNNECESSARY SINCE WE WOULD HAVE SUCH PRIORITY ANYWAY "ONE WAY OR ANOTHER". HE ALSO STATED THAT TORRIJOS WAS UNABLE TO FULLY APPRECIATE OUR PROBLEMS VIS-A-VIS CONGRESS SINCE HE WAS NOT HEADING AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT AND THUS DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF POLITICAL PRESSURE. ON CUBA, PEREZ, LIKE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS, WAS PLEASED WITH THE CURRENT IMPROVEMENT

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IN U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS BUT ADVISED CAUTION. HE BELIEVED THAT CASTRO IS SINCERE IN WANTING ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. BUT IS WARY OF POLITICAL RELATIONS. PEREZ ALSO INDICATED HE WAS DELIGHTED BY THE ITINERARY MRS. CARTER HAD CHOSEN FOR HER LATIN AMERICAN TRIP, PARTICULARLY JAMAICA. HE SEES MANLY AS AN INTELLIGENT SOCIAL DEMOCRAT WORTH DEALING WITH. THE STOP IN COSTA RICA WAS AN INDICATION OF OUR SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACIES. WITH THE PERUVIAN AND ECUADORAN GOVERNMENTS SEEKING TO RE-ESTABLISH DEMOCRACIES, HE FELT MRS. CARTER'S VISIT WAS A POSITIVE AND CONCRETE MANIFESTATION OF U.S. POLICY AND PRINCIPLES. WHILE HE BELIEVED THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE IMPORTANT HE ALSO BELIEVED SOME ISSUES AND SOME PROBLEMS ARE, BUT THEIR VERY NATURE, MULTILATERAL AND SUPPORTED MRS. CARTER IN HER BELIEF THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO STRENGTHEN THE OAS.

10. PEREZ THEN STATED THAT ALL OF LATIN AMERICAN OWED A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO CARTER FOR HIS STAND ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. VENEZUELA HAD TRIED PRIVATELY TO PERSUADE WEST GERMANY NOT TO DELIVER NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO BRAZIL BUT TO NO AVAIL. HE FELT THAT CARTER'S STATEMENT AND THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO MAY HAVE TURNED THEM AROUND. THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENT TOLD HIM THAT ARGENTINA WAS NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT ALL SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS AND SIGN THE TREATY. IN PEREZ'S VIEW, JIMMY CARTER MAY HAVE KEPT THE NUCLEAR BOMB OUT OF LATIN AMERICA.

11. ALTHOUGH SOME GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF OUR HUMAN RIGHTS STAND, PEREZ FOUND IT ENCOURAGING. THE SOUTHERN CONE COUNTRIES ATTEMPTED TO ORGANIZE A REGIONAL MEETING DIRECTED AGAINST THE U.S. POLICY. ARGENTINA ASKED THAT THE MEETING BE EXPANDED TO

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ALL OF LATIN AMERICA. VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA DECLINED AND PERU AND ECUADOR STATED THAT THEY WOULD ATTEND ONLY IF VENEZUELA WENT. ALTHOUGH THAT MEETING IS DEAD, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT A SIMILAR PROPOSAL MAY BE MADE AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN GRENADA. THE SOUTHERN CONE COUNTRIES MAY PRESS FOR A RESOLUTION ON NON-INTERVENTION. THE COUNTRIES FAVORING HUMAN RIGHTS ARE CONSIDERING WORKING A DEAL WHEREBY THEY WILL SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION IN RETURN FOR SUPPORT FOR A RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

12. THWN ASKED ABOUT THE NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING, HE STATED THAT THE LEADERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED BUT THAT OUT OF VENEZUELA'S CONCERN AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO APPLY THE PRESSURE NEEDED TO GET A QUICK RESOLUTION OF THE CASE, HOWEVER, THEY ARE CONTINUING TO INVESTIGATE AND WORK ON THE CASE.

13. A GREAT CONCERN WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE IS THAT PERU MAY SEEK REGENCE AGAINST CHILE OVER LANDS LOST DURING THE WAR OF THE PACIFIC. THE ARMS BUILDUP, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT, HAS ALARMED MANY COUNTRIES WITHIN THE REGION. ECUADOR, A VICTIM OF PAST PERUVIAN AGGRESSION, IS ALSO FEARFUL. THE ONLY SOLUTION IN PEREZ'S VIEW IS BASED ON A CORRIDOR TO THE PACIFIC FOR BOLIVIA COMBINED WITH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR ANDEAN INTEGRATION. THE DISCUSSION ENDED ON A POSITIVE NOTE WITH BOTH PARTIES LOOKING FORWARD TO ITS CONTINUATION SUNDAY MORNING.

14. MRS. CARTER CONCLUDED A LONG AND PRODUCTIVE DAY BY HOSTING A DINNER FOR ALL THE MEMBERS OF HER STAFF AT OUR HOTEL, GRACIOUS GESTURE MUCH APPRECIATED BY ALL.

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